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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: TSPA

SUBJ: RELOCATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FROM NASA

TRACKING STATION

1. NASA PLANS TO REMOVE FROM TANANARIVE TRACKING STATION THREE ARRAY TYPE ANTENNAS ( AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS) WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF NEEDS OF THAT STATION. THESE ITEMS NEEDED FOR RELOCATION TO OTHER STATIONS IN NASA NETWORK WHICH LACK SUCH EQUIPMENT TO MEET SATELLITE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. EQUIPMENT TO BE REMOVED HAS NOT BEEN UTILIZED FOR PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS. REMOVAL WILL NOT ALTER OR REDUCE REQUIRED STATION CAPABILITY, WILL NOT AFFECT STATION WORKLOAD, AND WILL HAVE NO AFFECT ON PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT. ANTENNAS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISMANTLED AND ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED IN JULY.

2. TO FORESTALL ANY POSSIBLE IMPRESSION ON PART OF GOM THAT REMOVAL OF THIS EQUIPMENT CONNOTES REDUCTION IN IMPORTANCE OF STATION, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GOM AS APPROPRIATE OF PLANNED EQUIPMENT REMOVAL AND PLACE  
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IT IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO GOM THAT NASA IS IN PROCESS OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STSTEMS IN NETWORK, SOME OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT TANANARIME, AND PLANS ARE TO PROGRESSIVELY INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT AS NEEDED OVER NEXT FEW YEARS TO IMPROVE STATION CAPABILITY AND ROLE IN SUPPORT OF SCIENTIFIC SPACE-CRAFT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT FOREGOING SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH GOM AS MATTER OF MUTUAL INTEREST, RATHER THAN AN OBLIGATION UNDER PARAGRAPH ( 6) A OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. NASA DOES NOT WISH TO SET PRECEDENT OF 30 DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING WHICH WOULD INHIBIT ROUTINE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADING OF EQUIPMENT, OR RELOCATION OF EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR STATION' S MISSIONS BUT WHICH DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A MAJOR CHANGE IN STATION ROLE.  
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